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Precedent

A U.S. federal judge has just found the Soviet newspaper Izvestia guilty of libeling an American. Izvestia said the man, who ran a medical-supply business in Russia, was a spy and kicked him out of the country. The court also found the Soviet govern-

ment in default on the man's claim that the Russians owe him \$300,000 in unpaid bills. Said the libeled man's attorney: "I feel like Captain Kirk on the Starship Enterprise, going where no man has ever gone before." The Klingons would be a cakewalk, however, compared with getting that \$300,000 out of Commander Gorbachev.